

Community leaders and those who use our public lands admire Chuck for his sensible approach to the stewardship of our natural resources. Chuck's strong belief in responsible multiple-use has made the forests he's cared for a valuable asset for all of us. In his innovative management of the forests, he never lost sight of the fact that the chief function of a forest is to sustain clean and abundant water. Chuck has demonstrated that when you manage a forest for its water, you bring out the best that God intended in a forest.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, we can all take pride in the way Chuck oversaw the merging of the local Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service into one, cohesive, efficient, and responsive unit. At the headquarters in Lakeview, the BLM and Forest Service not only share a building, they share a philosophy and a mission. Because they work so well together, Chuck and his BLM counterpart, Steve Ellis, have created the model for effectively combining assets of our land management agencies to deliver great service at a significant savings to the taxpayer.

Those who have worked with Chuck admire his management style. Chuck sees every employee not just for what they are but also for what they can become. He is dedicated to helping his people reach their full potential in an organization that has meant a great deal to him during a long and productive career. He has steered his organization with a steady and gentle hand, always mindful of his responsibility to the health of the forest and the vitality of the surrounding communities.

Chuck is known by the managers of Region 6 as the "go-to guy." When there is a big project, a vexing problem, or an exceptionally bright opportunity, the word in the Regional Office is to "run it by Chuck". Chuck has had a distinguished career of getting things done for us, his neighbors, and for the environment we all share.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me today in saluting a man who has served us well. Chuck Graham represents the best in the Forest Service and serves as an example for all to follow. Chuck's career truly represents the "service" in Forest Service.

#### RECOGNIZING STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE AND DR. ALVIN ROHRS' 20 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

##### HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body to honor an institution and its leader who have championed our free enterprise system for two decades. Students in Free Enterprise is a nonprofit education corporation whose mission is to work in partnership with businesses and institutions of higher education to provide university students the opportunity to understand and achieve success in a business world open to individual enterprise. Students are guided through the development of leadership, teamwork and communication skills by learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

For the last 20 years, Dr. Alvin Rohrs has served as President and CEO of Students in

Free Enterprise (SIFE). His tireless work has seen an international expansion of SRFE from 18 to 31 countries. Its classes, which teach of the principles of market economics, entrepreneurship, business ethics and personal financial success, are in 1,200 schools of higher learning worldwide. SIFE proponents and students hold annual international competitions that emphasize the strengths and positive societal contributions of the free enterprise System.

The free enterprise system reaches its zenith when it is coupled with individual liberties. Its principles resonate with many people who believe in the idea that hard work, free markets, and democracy lead to prosperity and social responsibility. More than 170 of America's business executives from some of the world's largest companies are members of the SIFE board.

Alvin Rohrs' commitment to free enterprise has been unwavering. Prior to his work with SIFE, Rohrs served as the Director of the Gene Taylor National Free Enterprise Center at his alma mater, Southwest Baptist University. He came to SIFE in 1983, a year after receiving his Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri Columbia School of Law, where he graduated with full honors in the top ten percent of his class.

Dr. Rohrs has received the National Charity Award twice, honoring his leadership in SIFE. He has also received the National Entrepreneur of the Year Award for "Supporter of Entrepreneurship." Active in community service and church work, Rohrs is a member of the Missouri Bar Association and serves as a member and Deacon at First Baptist Church in Bolivar, Missouri. He resides in Bolivar with his wife, Bolivar Municipal Court Judge Elizabeth Rohrs and their two children.

We wish him and Students in Free Enterprise continued success in spreading the gospel of free enterprise and entrepreneurship, on which our American way of life is founded.

#### SPECIAL JOINT SESSION OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

##### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 6 of this year, a special Joint Session of the United States Congress gathered in New York City to remember the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. This special session reminded us of the lives that were lost and the heroes that were found all across this country on that terrible day. I am honored to have taken part in this unique session.

We convened at Federal Hall, where the first Congress met over two centuries ago, and a few blocks from where the World Trade Center towers once stood proud and tall.

Mr. Speaker, we met to remember the thousands of lives that ended so abruptly that day. We prayed for the families of those that were lost. We prayed for the families who had to say goodbye before they were ready. The wound that America suffered on that day will always be remembered.

We also expressed our most sincere thanks to the firefighters, police officers emergency personnel, and all others who risked and gave

their lives on that day. These brave men and women, along with their peers across the country, risk their lives every day to protect those around them. Expressing our thanks to them is a long overdue action.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, we recommit ourselves to eradicating terrorism from the world and to making sure that those responsible for this horrible attack on America are brought to justice. American soldiers are now stationed across the globe, helping to create a world where those who live in freedom can also live free of the fear of terrorism. America and the world owe these soldiers a debt of gratitude.

I am proud to have joined Congress on September 6, to remember the lives that were lost and to show those who would harm America that we will not forget, but we will overcome.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF RUNAWAY YOUTH PREVENTION MONTH

##### HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague from New York, Mr. ISRAEL, in introducing a resolution recognizing the goals and ideals of Runaway Youth Prevention Month, which is being sponsored by the National Network for Youth and the National Runaway Switchboard.

Recently, a number of highly publicized child abductions focused the attention of Americans on the plight of exploited and abducted children, and the pain and agony suffered by the families left behind.

Recognizing the serious threat that faces our children every day as they travel to and from school and play with friends in parks and neighborhoods, President Bush last week convened a conference on missing, exploited and runaway children.

Again, the main focus was on abducted and exploited children. And rightly so. One child abduction is one too many.

But let's put the problem of child abductions into perspective. Five times as many children run away as are abducted in this country, and one runaway child is also one too many.

There are approximately 1.3 million young Americans on the street every day as a result of running away and/or homelessness. One in seven children between the ages of 10-18 will run away. Some will return within a few days, while others will remain on the streets and never return. And each year, assault, illness or suicide will take the lives of 5,000 runaway youth. That's 5000 too many.

There are many reasons why children run away from home. Some are expelled from their homes by their families, or separated from their parents because of death or divorce. As much as violence is involved in the abduction of a child, so too does physical, sexual, and emotional abuse at home often cause a child to run away.

Having run away, these youth are now homeless, too poor to secure their own basic needs, and are often ineligible or unable to access medical or mental health resources.

Many runaway youth also have difficulty obtaining an education because they are homeless. Being a runaway or being without a